

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION - JOINT**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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We believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **APPARATUS FOR TESTING STERILIZATION METHODS AND MATERIALS**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination and patentability of this application in accordance with 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 United States Code §§ 119 and 365 of any foreign application(s) for the patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications: NONE

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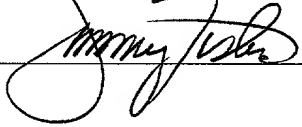
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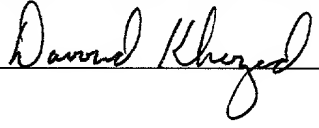
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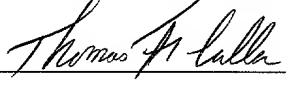
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